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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CHILE/PERU FRONTIER
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1. DURING RECENT CONSULTATION IN WASHINGTON, AMBASSADOR
STEDMAN BROUGHT UP THE POSSIBILITY OF A REGIONAL DEVELOP-
MENT EFFORT IN THE CHILE/PERU COASTAL AREA, PERHAPS
CENTERED AT ARICA, WHICH COULD ENCOURAGE THE TWO COUNTRIES
TO WORK TOGETHER IN A PEACEFUL VENTURE, LESSEN THE TENSIONS
BETWEEN THEM AND SATISFY BOLIVIA'S ASPIRATIONS FOR GREATER
ECONOMIC" ACCESS TO THE SEA. CONCEIVABLY, U.S. ASSISTANCE
COULD BE OFFERED FOR A PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY OF SUCH A
PROJECT, INCLUDING PORT DEVELOPMENT AND AN IMPROVED TRANS-
PORTATION SYSTEM TO BOLIVIA. IDB COULD COORDINATE SUCH A
STUDY AND, ALONG WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS, HELP WITH THE

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FUNDING. AN INITIATIVE OF THIS KIND MIGHT BE SEEN AS A

LOGICAL FOLLOW-ON TO THE AYACUCHO DECLARATION CONCERNING BOLIVIA.

2. IN THE CASE OF PERU, THE GOP HAS IN THE PAST TAKEN A NEGATIVE VIEW OF PROPOSALS TO ALTER THE STATUS OF FORMER PERU TERRITORY. HOWEVER, THIS SCHEME MIGHT PROVE MORE PALATABLE IF IT WERE PRESENTED AS A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF BENEFIT TO ALL. IN THE CASE OF CHILE, THE GOC MIGHT FAVOR AN APPROACH WHICH WOULD NOT ONLY DEVELOP THE AREA BUT ALSO WOULD PROVIDE A FURTHER INCENTIVE TO THE

MAINTENANCE OF PEACE. BOLIVIA PRESUMABLY WOULD SUPPORT ANY PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD IMPROVE ITS ACCESS TO THE SEA.

3. YOUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE APPRECIATED, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO HOW AND BY WHOM THE IDEA MIGHT BE LAUNCHED AND ITS PROSPECTS IN THE LIGHT OF FORESEEABLE LOCAL REACTIONS. YOU SHOULD NOT CONSULT HOST GOVERNMENTS OR NATIONALS. INGERSOLL

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